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An Act To Allow Provisional Drivers To Transport Persons under Guardianship and Children of Active Military Personnel

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1311, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 10, §1, is further amended to read:

A. Carry passengers other than immediate family members unless accompanied by a licensed operator who meets the requirements of section 1304, subsection 1, paragraph E. For the purpose of this paragraph, "immediate family member" includes ~~a foreign-exchange student that is~~ the following when living with the immediate family:

(1) A foreign exchange student;

(2) A person who is under guardianship of an immediate family member; and

(3) A child whose parent is deployed for military service.

For the purpose of this paragraph, "deployed for military service" has the same meaning as in Title 26, section 814, subsection 1, paragraph A;

SUMMARY

Current law prohibits a person under 18 years of age who has been issued a driver's license from carrying passengers other than immediate family members, including foreign exchange students, for 6 months after being issued a license unless accompanied by an older driver. This bill allows a young driver to carry a passenger who is a person under guardianship of an immediate family member of the young driver or is a child whose parent is deployed for military service if that person or child lives with the immediate family of the young driver.